

In the amendment strike 4 and insert 3.

SA 242. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 89, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

“Sec. 20815. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by section 20804 for ‘Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005’ is hereby increased by \$3,136,802,000.

“(b) ACROSS-THE-BOARD RESCISSIONS.—There is hereby rescinded an amount equal to 0.73 percent of—

“(1) the budget authority provided (or obligation limitation imposed) for fiscal year 2007 for any discretionary account in this division (except chapters 2 and 8 of this title and the amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Defense Base Closure Account 1990’, ‘North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program’);

“(2) the budget authority provided in any advance appropriation for fiscal year 2007 for any discretionary account in any prior fiscal year appropriation Act; and

“(3) the contract authority provided in fiscal year 2007 for any program subject to limitation contained in any division or appropriation Act subject to paragraph (1).

“(c) PROPORTIONATE APPLICATION.—Any rescission made by subsection (b) shall be applied proportionately—

“(1) to each discretionary account and each item of budget authority described in such subsection; and

“(2) within each such account and item, to each program, project, and activity (with programs, projects, and activities as delineated in the appropriation Act or accompanying reports for the relevant fiscal year covering such account or item, or for accounts and items not included in appropriation Acts, as delineated in the most recently submitted President’s budget).”

SA 243. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, line 20, strike “of which not to exceed \$200,000” and insert “of which \$99,000,000”.

SA 244. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 54, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

“SEC. 20522. None of the funds made available by this division or any other Act

may be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate the final version of the rule entitled ‘NPDES Permit Fee Incentive for Clean Water Act Section 106 Grants; Allotment Formula’ (72 Fed. Reg. 293 (January 4, 2007)).

SA 245. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 51, strike line 14 and insert the following: the managers in Conference Report 109-188, except that—

“(1) not less than \$5,500,000 of those amounts shall be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop alternative technologies to comply with the national primary drinking water regulations for disinfection byproducts promulgated pursuant to section 1452(q) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(q)); and

“(2) using not less than \$11,000,000 of those amounts, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall—

“(A) carry out a competitive grant program to continue the provision of technical assistance under section 1452(q) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(q)) to small public water system organizations; and

“(B) give priority for the provision of grants under the program to small public water system organizations that have the most support (or a majority of support) from small communities in each State.

SA 246. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On 115, line 19, strike the colon and all that follows through the page 117, line 12, and insert a period.

SA 247. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, line 10, strike the period, and insert the following: “‘Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the renewal funding formula set forth under the third proviso under this section shall not apply in determining the funding for the calendar year 2007 funding cycle of any public housing agency located in any jurisdiction in which the President declared a major disaster or emergency between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005 in connection with a hurricane.”

SA 248. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 94, line 23, insert after “agency support programs” the following: “(with the Administrator authorized to reduce each subaccount as necessary to ensure full funding for exploration systems)”.

SA 249. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 94, beginning on line 19, strike “\$10,075,000,000” and all that follows through line 25 and insert “\$10,524,400,000, of which \$5,251,200,000 shall be for science, \$724,400,000 shall be for aeronautics research, \$3,978,300,000 shall be for exploration systems, and \$491,700,000 shall be for cross-agency support programs (with the Administrator authorized to reduce each subaccount as necessary to ensure full funding for exploration systems); ‘Exploration Capabilities’, \$6,234,400,000; and ‘Office of Inspector General’, \$33,500,000. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the aggregate of the levels appropriated by this Act, other than the levels appropriated for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, are hereby reduced by \$545,300,000, with the amount of such reduction to be allocated among the accounts and subaccounts funded by this Act in such manner as the President shall specify.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislative business, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, with particular focus on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to inform the Members that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a hearing entitled “Alternatives for Easing the Small Business Health Care Burden,” on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Russell 428A.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. to mark up an original bill entitled “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing